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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 4406

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SUBJECT: MAC OVERFLIGHTS OF SAUDI ARABIA

REF STATE 200565

1. SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAS IMPOSED REQUIREMENT FOR 24 HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE OF ALL FLIGHTS INCLUDING THOSE PREVIOUSLY BLANKET CLEARED. DATT OBTAINED CLARIFICATION FROM CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIAL THAT REQUIREMENT RESULTED FROM DESIRE OF PRINCE SULTAN, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, TO BE AWARE OF ALL FLIGHTS TO OR OVER COUNTRY ON A DAILY BASIS. HIS REQUEST TO DIRECTOR CIVIL AVIATION INCLUDED ALL FLIGHTS, CIVIL AND MILITARY, TO INCLUDE THOSE OF NATIONAL AIRLINE,

SAUDI. MIDDLE LEVEL CAD OFFICIAL HAS BEEN DESIGNATED POINT OF CONTACT AND FOR TIME BEING HE STATES CLEARANCES WILL REMAIN VALID. HE WILL PASS OUR 24 HOUR ADVANCE NOTICES AUTOMATICALLY TO JIDDA FIR PROVIDED AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY CLEARED UNDER NORMAL DIPLOMATIC PROCEDURES.

2. EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION TO CONTINUATION NORMAL MAC FLIGHTS. SAUDI STATE OF ALERT SHOULD NOT AFFECT FLIGHT SAFETY OF
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AIRCRAFT PREVIOUSLY CLEARED, FOLLOWING RECOGNIZED AIR CORRIDORS,

AND IN RADIO CONTACT WITH JIDDA FIR.

3. SITUATION COULD CHANGE IN FUTURE BUT WE ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT
WITH CAD AND WILL ADVISE IMMEDIATELY OF ANY NEW FACTORS.
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